

2012 Internship

Natural Resources Field, Herbarium, and Data Entry Assistant

Do you like the outdoors, nature and especially, plants? Are you willing to work indoors with computers and dried plant specimens? This internship will give you a chance to contribute to the National Park Service mission of preserving and protecting America's natural heritage, while gaining knowledge about plants, natural communities, and ecosystems. College or community service credit may be arranged.

DESCRIPTION: Tasks will include but are not limited to:

- Driving to worksites, accompanying and assisting botanist in the field
- Planting and maintaining restoration plants in the field
- Assisting with the collection and preparation of plant specimens
- Handling and managing herbarium specimens and collections
- Working with databases of the park's flora, and statistical data entry

REQUIREMENTS:

- A valid driver license
- At least one year of college, some science training, minimum 3.0 gpa
- Reasonable physical stamina and agility
- Willingness to follow instructions so that you may work independently
- Willingness to wear NPS Volunteer uniform in the field
- Computer skills and artistic sensitivity will be helpful

COMMITMENT: Fifteen hours per week. Incumbent will prepare his/her own weekly schedule.

LOCATION: Park Headquarters is at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island (under Verazanno Bridge). Field work will take you to other parts of the park: Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens (Jamaica Bay), and Sandy Hook in New Jersey.

TO APPLY. Please contact <u>michael_byer@nps.gov</u> and <u>sheridan_roberts@nps.gov</u>